Compensation for fishermen loosing fishing craft and equipments

466. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to compensate the fishermen who have lost their fishing crafts and equipments;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of Government that these vessels are owned by the bosses/businessmen of these fishermen;

(c) if so, whether the compensation would eventually find its way to shadow owners and not to these poor fishermen; and

(d) the action Government propose to take to assist the real victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Government has announced special package for providing financial assistance under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF)/National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) and The Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package for people affected by Tsunami in the States/UTs of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Pondicherry and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

GDP target for agriculture

†467. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether target for contribution of agriculture sector in gross domestic product was set during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the contribution of agriculture sector in gross domestic product has been assessed to be only 20.53 per cent during 2004-05;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if not, the facts thereof; and

(e) the reasons for the contribution being 20.53 per cent which is below the target fixed for Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) The growth rate of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in agriculture sector, including the allied sectors, was set at 4 per cent during the Tenth Five Year Plan. As regards contribution of agricultural sector to GDP, the Tenth Plan document (Volume 1) has indicated reduction in the share of agriculture in GDP from 24.7 per cent in 2001-02 to 20.5 per cent in 2006-07 on the basis of targeted growth rates in different sectors, including agriculture.

(b) The State-wise details of growth targets set for the Tenth Five Year Plan are enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(c) Yes, Sir. The contribution of agriculture, including allied sectors, in total GDP at constant prices has been estimated at 20.53 per cent during 2004-05.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The growth process involves, *inter alia*, structural shifts involving changes in the relative share of secondary and tertiary sectors *vis-a-vis* the primary sector in GDP. In 2002-03, the first year of the Tenth Plan, the growth rate in agriculture including the allied sectors of forestry and logging and fishing suffered from a sharp decline in growth by 7.0 per cent on account of severe drought that seriously affected several States in the country. In 2003-04, the second year of the Tenth Plan, agriculture including allied sectors grew at a high rate of 9.6 per cent owing to the favourable rainfall. The high growth rate in 2003-04 also reflects the very low base in 2002-03. In the current year 2004-05, which is the third year of the Tenth Plan, growth rate in agriculture is estimated at a modest rate of 1.1 per cent, which reflects the impact of the deficient rainfall from the South-West monsoon. This, coupled with the high base in 2003-04, has contributed to the modest growth of GDP in 2004-05. This, in turn, has contributed to the relative decline in the contribution of agriculture to GDP in the country.

Statement

State-wise growth target for the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07)

(Annual average in %)

State/Union Territories	Agriculture
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1.00
Andhra Pradesh	3.05
Arunachal Pradesh	4.00
Assam	3.82
Bihar	3.75
Chandigarh	-2.00
Chhatisgarh	3.00
Delhi	-12.21
Goa	-0.90
Gujarat	4.03
Haryana	4.07
Himachal Pradesh	4.55
Jammu & Kashmir	4.20
Jharkhand	3.00
Karnataka	4.99
Kerala	3.05
Madhya Pradesh	4.00
Maharashtra	3.56
Manipur	3.59
Meghalaya	4.00
Mizoram	2.00
Nagaland	4.00
Orissa	4.07
Pondicherry	1.10
Punjab	4.07
Rajasthan	4.50
Sikkim	5.00
Tamil Nadu	3.54
Tripura	3.90
Uttaranchal	3.50
Uttar Pradesh	4.67
West Bengal	5.09
All India	4.00

SOURCE: Volume-1 of Tenth Five Year Plan (2002—07).